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COMPLETE RAILROAD TIE-UP UNLIKELY

A hopeful feature of the railroad strike crisis is that the four great brotherhoods of trainmen are not even a majority of railroad workers, and some hundreds of thousands of railroad employees will be available as strikebreakers if the engineers, conductors, firemen and trainmen should walk out next Monday.

There are thousands of mechanics in the shops, to say nothing of men on the pension lists and ex-railway men, who may be secured in case of dire need. With comparatively little training they will be able to take their place at the throttle and in the coaches.

A Honolulu railroad man predicts that the strikers cannot win their fight because they will have neither unity in their own ranks nor cooperation from other classes of railroad employees. When the mechanics of the western roads struck a few months ago, the brotherhoods refused to give them help. Brotherhood trainmen hauled strikebreakers to take their places. Ultimately the strike was settled by arbitration, in which the employees were conceded to be getting none the best of it.

Having held aloof at this time, the brotherhoods now cannot expect "sympathy strikes" from the mechanics. Furthermore, the railroad trainmen of the brotherhoods are perhaps the highest-paid mechanic classes in the United States. Only in the "war industries," where wages are temporarily abnormal, are the mechanics getting higher wages. The other workmen know this and feel that, while the eight-hour day is correct in principle, the railroad employees have been well treated and should have submitted their case to arbitration.

Although the brotherhoods are wonderfully organized by brainy, energetic, aggressive leaders, they extend over such a vast expanse of country that there are many thousands in isolated units. It will be a colossal problem to keep 400,000 strikers united to the end. In many localities special conditions will operate to wear them from their unions.

It is not generally known in Hawaii that railway men who do not belong to the brotherhoods have petitioned Congress for "protection from a destructive interruption of interstate commerce due to the wholly selfish action of a small group of men." Such is the case. The fact is that the railroad men have yet to prove the justice of their case and by refusing to submit it to arbitration they have gained nothing in public sympathy during the past four months. Naturally the sympathy of the public is with labor against capital, but it has not so manifested itself in this instance.

CALIFORNIA'S SENATORIAL FIGHT

California's primary election in the senatorial race on Tuesday was preceded and accompanied by some curious political developments.

Governor Hiram Johnson, long a chronic Bull Moose, has followed the leadership of Roosevelt back into the Republican party in this campaign, and he ran against a "regular" for the Republican nomination for United States senator. Willis H. Booth of Los Angeles was the regular. He had the support of the "regular" organization but Johnson's statewide popularity overcame this advantage.

The Republican fight developed a national aspect. The Progressive element, headed by Johnson and Chester Rowell of Fresno, declared that Booth was the candidate of the "interests" and Rowell went to Portland to see Candidate Hughes in an endeavor to get Hughes to support Johnson. The national candidate very wisely refused to mix into the state fight. Johnson has won the nomination by a majority of more than 11,000 and will probably defeat the Democratic candidate, George S. Patton of San Marino, Los Angeles county, in the election.

If Johnson goes to the United States senate, he will occupy much the same position as Robert La Follette when the Wisconsin man moved on from Madison to Washington. Both have had spectacular careers as governors, each being distinguished by hostility to political activities of public service corporations. Johnson went into office with the slogan, "Kick the Southern Pacific out of politics," and he has about succeeded in doing it.

HE'S A GOOD ENOUGH DEMOCRAT NOW

Politics makes strange bedfellows and it is not surprising to see the McCandless faction now trying to occupy the same political perch upon which repose the governor and his official family.

So long as the Pauahi street bunch of Bourbons thought they could win by their methods, they fought Governor Pinkham. He was not a good enough executive for them. He was not a good enough Democrat executive for them.

So long as they labored under the delusion that they could corral the federal patronage through the national committeeman, they fought the governor. They opposed his selections, and it was not until their own selections for important offices were repeatedly ignored that they began to get their eyes opened.

Through a long series of incidents, culminating in the disgraceful attack upon the president by Judge Stuart, they fought the territorial administration

and the national administration. They belittled the governor; they berated the governor; they bedeviled the governor. "Anything to discredit Pinkham."

But the Pauahi street bunch reaped a glorious failure. They were able to get their selections into a few postmasterships and minor offices, and they sent Pauahi street representatives to the national convention, but they could not shake the administration's confidence in Governor Pinkham. And after the McCandless delegation had spent a few days, following the St. Louis convention, in a button-holing campaign in Washington, they found that the governor was stronger than ever with the Democratic powers that rule.

Now they are on the eve of a territorial campaign. They have failed to get political patronage and political loot by fighting the governor. They propose, therefore, the new "harmony program."

They passed a "harmony resolution" and sent a delegation waving the olive branch of peace to the governor. The governor, it is reported, intimated that he is also desirous of having harmony but that he does not wish to make further overtures than he has made, since the previous advances were "thrown down."

The Democrats of the Pauahi street faction are yelling harmony at the top of their well-exercised voices but their pacific assurances now will deceive no one, least of all the governor. He knows and everybody else knows that it is not a desire for harmony but a desire for jobs that is bringing the Pauahi patriots into the common fold. They see the Republican party steaming ahead toward a prospective victory, and they see said jobs receding into the distance with equal rapidity.

Unless the divided Bourbons get together in the fall campaign, they are in for a good licking in the territorial elections. That, however, will not bother them so much as a good licking in the spring municipal elections. What they want is victory in the city fight, with its result of fat municipal jobs for the faithful. And if Link McCandless expects to be the next mayor, the united party machine must be built for the autumn campaign and kept well oiled for the spring fight.

Hence the soft-spoken and flattering advances to the governor. He is a good enough Democrat now for the Pauahi street bunch.

TAKE THOUGHT FOR TOMORROW

What a nation-wide railroad strike next Monday would bring in the way of industrial disorganization no man can foretell accurately, but the situation is such that the people of Hawaii should begin now to prepare for possible shortage in some lines of food supplies.

There is no need for undue alarm over the situation, but nevertheless caution and precaution are not only justified but demanded by the imminent menace of a tie-up on 257,000 miles of line. Prudence, economy, foresight in laying in supplies should be exercised by the householder. If a strike should come, no one knows how general would be the cessation of railroad transportation, nor how long-continued would be the blockade of freight and passengers.

Hawaii is in no danger of suffering, as the situation now presents itself, but the element of uncertainty is so great that wise folk will make certain now of their home supplies. The comfortable feeling usually heard expressed, "Oh, well, I guess it isn't as bad as it sounds—it will be averted somehow," illustrates the unwillingness of most of us to look disagreeable facts in the face.

France, England and other European countries talked that way previous to August, 1914, but war came. A nation-wide strike next Monday is a good deal more likely now than a world-war was in July, 1914.

Nothing is to be lost by the exercise of prudence and economy in the purchase and use of food supplies. If the ultimate possibilities of a strike should be visited upon Hawaii, the most rigid economy in food consumption will not only be necessary but will be enforced by public authority.

Hughes has started for Maine. The campaign in the rock-ribbed state will be on in full hue-and-cry—principally cry—within a week.

Don't Forget This: The Aero Club of Hawaii will be organized in the senate chamber, Capitol, tonight, 8:15 o'clock.

A visitor these days might suspect that the two principal industries of Hawaii are sugar and swimming.

"The Bulgarians have taken the Greek town of Drama," says a despatch. Another blow for Greek drama.

Turkey has declared war on Rumania. The Sultan does persist on getting himself into trouble.

Territorial candidates are tossing hats at such a rate the political ring will have to be enlarged.

Deputy Attorney Carden is far from resigned to the utilities commission situation.

The worst about the railroad strike is that it will hold up the big league games.

Personal Mentions

W. S. WISE of Hilo is in the city for a short visit.

MRS. C. E. WRIGHT is a Hilo visitor in Honolulu for a few days.

RUFUS SPALDING and his friend, Tod Ford, Jr., arrived from Kauai.

MRS. ETTA WEDEMEYER is a Honolulu visitor from Lihue, Kauai.

K. M. BARANGER of Hilo is here for a short time. He came Tuesday.

MISS STELLA GRIFFIN is registered at a local hotel from Berkeley, Cal.

S. C. HUBER, C. S. attorney, is confined to his home in Beachwalk with a slight illness.

MILTON G. DAVIS is a San Francisco visitor in Honolulu who came in the Wilhelmina.

COL. E. H. BROADBENT and family are here from Kauai. They are at the Young Hotel.

KAZAN KAYAHARA, the Japanese writer, will leave for Hilo today. He will return September 3.

W. R. MANSFIELD arrived in the Wilhelmina from San Francisco for a short visit in the islands.

MISS ELIZABETH MORRISON is a Los Angeles visitor who arrived in the Wilhelmina for a Honolulu vacation.

DR. B. C. WOODBURY arrived in the Wilhelmina from Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He is at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

DR. OLIVER P. HOLT and L. B. Reakart, both of Cincinnati, Ohio, are visiting in Honolulu. They came in the Wilhelmina.

MISS EDITH PRATT, stenographer in the office of the district attorney, will return from the mainland Tuesday on the Manoa.

MAYOR LANE returned the call of Capt. George R. Clark, the new commandant at the Pearl Harbor naval station, this morning.

FRED MICKLEJOHN of San Francisco was a Wilhelmina passenger who came from San Francisco to visit here for a few weeks.

MISS RUTH MUZZY arrived in the Wilhelmina this week, and is now at the Kamehameha Schools, where she will continue her musical work this year.

CYRIL O. SMITH, principal of the Royal School, returned from the island of Kauai yesterday on the Maui. He spent a portion of his vacation on the Garden Island.

BROTHER ALBERT, director of St. Mary's School in Hilo, left for his home yesterday on the Manna Kea. He returned from a visit to the mainland last Tuesday on the Wilhelmina.

CAPT. GEORGE R. CLARK, the new commandant of the Pearl Harbor naval station, accompanied Brig.-Gen. R. K. Evans and his staff on the military reconnaissance of Oahu railway lines.

R. S. CHASE, who has been in charge of the construction of the new road through Hakipuu, plans to open a summer repair shop on the waterfront, now that the Hakipuu work is completed.

MISS DOROTHEA A. ELLER, BROCK, stenographer for the board of harbor commissioners, has returned to work after a week's vacation passed on the windward side of Oahu, near Kailua.

MR. AND MRS. W. H. SMITH, Philadelphia residents, have returned to Hawaii for their annual summer visit, which they found so enjoyable during their first trip here last year. They are at the Young Hotel.

THOMAS G. BLAKEMAN, Montana stockman, returned recently from a trip to the volcano with Mrs. Blakeman and left their quarters at the Moana hotel to stay at the home of Mrs. Blakeman's aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth V. Hall, in Manoa.

CAPT. F. W. PHISTERER, who has been president of the Cornell Club for the last two years, will be the guest of honor at a farewell dinner given by that organization tonight. Capt. Phisterer will leave for the mainland next month.

DR. KAWAKUCHI of the local Japanese Y. M. C. A. will leave on the Tenyo Maru next Friday for his new post at the Baptist Theological Col-

LETTERS

A LONGING FOR HAWAII

Honolulu, T. H., Aug. 29, 1916.
Honolulu Star-Bulletin, City.
Dear Editor: The enclosed lines were written in reply to a description of Honolulu:

READER:

Princeton, B. C., July 20, 1916.
Would I were too where the surf beats, beats

Its ceaseless requiem on the shore. Strange, but my heart's restless longing fleets

Back to the sea and its charms of yore.

Its strange, majestic sadness sweeps Like its own billows back to me, And I dream old dreams that the memory keeps

Whatever the changes of life may be.

W. R. BRYSON.
Princeton, B. C., July 20, 1916.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JOE NOBRIGA, police court bailiff: Reporters and lawyers are an awful nuisance around the station, but we tolerate them because we rather like them.

—CAPT. CHARLES H. BAKER of the police department: Some one is always trying to "job" someone else down in the receiving station. It's getting to be almost unsafe.

—FREDERICK H. LAUKEA, police captain: Antone Gomez was a full-blooded Hawaiian with a Portuguese name which was given him when adopted by people of that nationality.

—WILLIAM L. CREED, chief clerk, Alexander Young Hotel: It is surprising how many visitors we have had this year from Pennsylvania, especially from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. I think "word-of-mouth" advertising has been largely responsible.

STERN NEW ENGLAND TO LEARN ABOUT HAWAII

New England wants to know more about Hawaii. W. C. Seward, general agent for the Great Northern Railway in Boston has made the suggestion, that during October, November and December arrangements be made to give lectures on Hawaii throughout New England.

When the matter was referred to the Hawaii Promotion Committee A. P. Taylor, secretary, immediately started the wires working and New England will be shown. H. F. Wichman of Honolulu is now in Boston, and plans on giving a number of illustrated lectures. Also E. M. Newman, Miss Alice Capten and others will address audiences from Eastport to Bridgeport.

lege in Tokio. A farewell reception will be tendered the doctor at Y. M. C. A. hall on Smith street.

GEORGE McK. McCLELLAN, Washington representative of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, will leave for Seattle, his home, today if the strike situation will permit, according to a cable received by the chamber.

MISS EDNA BYRD, a teacher at Mills School, arrived this morning on the Claudine from Maui, where she has been spending part of her vacation. Miss Byrd established a record for herself as a hiker by "doing" the famous ditch trail and going through the crater of Haleakala. Previous to her stay on the Valley Island she spent some time at the volcano of Kilauea.

FREDERICK A. GLUUD, chief clerk of the adjutant-general's office, was taken suddenly ill Tuesday afternoon and was rushed to the Queen's hospital, where he was operated on for appendicitis within three hours after leaving the desk. The operation was entirely successful and he is well on the road to recovery.

EDDIE FERNANDEZ, formerly star pitcher of the Diamond Head baseball team in Honolulu and now an expert movie operator, arrived on the Wilhelmina. On the way up he contributed greatly to the gaiety of the voyage by taking movies of the passengers at play, developing the films by a process of his own invention and showing them at the concert on the last night out—San Francisco Examiner.

MISS EMILY BUFORD, stenographer for the Territorial Hotel Company, has returned from Hawaii, where she spent a vacation with Miss Margaret Herenden and the latter's mother, Mrs. Adele Ashmun of Kaimuki, who has been on the Big Island for several weeks. Miss Gertrude A. Hunt also recently returned from a pleasant 10-day sojourn with Mrs. Ashmun. Miss Herenden is expected back in a few days.

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744 Kinau st.	4 "	37.50
Cor. Alexander and Dole	3 "	35.00
12th ave., Kaimuki	2 "	15.00
1028 Piikoi st.	3 "	30.00
(Detached cottage, 1 bedroom.)		
Dewey Beach	2 "	20.00
Cor. Kaimuki and 7th ave.	6 "	45.00
1704 King st.	2 "	30.00
Pahoa ave.	2 "	25.00
(Bet. 6th and 7th aves.)		
1625 Makiki st.	6 "	80.00
(4 cottages in yard.)		
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Manoa road	2 "	50.00

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